

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held in Council Chambers January 4, 1983 at 7:00 P.M. with all members present.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum - WSNW Radio, Glen Gannaway - Seneca Journal, Dave Givens - Greenville News & George Allgood - WGOG Radio.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chariman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

The invocation was given by Dr. Earle.

Mr. Roy D. Harden, Clerk of Court, administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Earle & Mr. Harper.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the December 21, 1982 meeting be adopted as printed.

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the special meeting held December 28, 1982 be adopted as printed.

First on the agenda was a discussion concerning a county wide stadium. Mr. Jimmy Dupre, Superintendent of Education, told Council he favored the concept of a county wide stadium but he felt no stadium(s) should be built until the academic problems are solved and the economy improves. However, the School Board has already voted to build, at some point in time, a stadium at West-Oak High School at a cost of \$275,000 - \$300,000 which will seat 4,500 people.

Most Council Members agreed they could appreciate the dilemma of the School Board but they felt all money at this time should go into the academics of the schools first.

Council Members Brandt & Earle expressed support for a county wide stadium when funds are available. Mr. Williams expressed his feeling that the stadium at West-Oak should be built. Mr. Butts expressed concern of selling bonds.

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Mr. Crain expressed his appreciation to Mr. Dupre for coming to the meeting and stated that he opposed any expenditure that would go over funding generated by the present 85 mills assigned to the school department by the county unless absolutely essential for academics as he felt it would not be a good time to float bonds due to the economic situation.

Mr. Butts made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Ordinance 83-1, "Organization & Rules, Oconee County Council & Repealing Ordinance 81-1 be adopted on first reading.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 to adopt Resolution 83-1, "Resolution to Operate Under Ordinance 83-1 Until Third & Final Reading."

Mr. Crain appointed Dr. Earle to serve as a member of the Appalachian Council of Governments for a two year term.

Mr. Crain appointed Mr. Williams to serve on the Hospital Board for a two year term.

Dr. Earle nominated Mr. Williams to serve as Vice Chairman of Council for a two year term. This motion was adopted 4 - 0 with Mr. Williams abstaining.

Mr. Butts announced that the Road Committee along with full Council deemed Mr. Crain correct in not accepting the roadways in Keowee Subdivision into the county road system until requirements as set forth by the Supervisor's Office are met.

He stressed that Council sets the policies and the Supervisor carries them out. (See attached copy of remarks)

Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that the attached contract be adopted concerning LEC.


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Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Butts, approved 5 - 0 that proposals for designing the changes as referenced in the above mentioned contract be sought from interested architects and this cost come from contingency.

Dr. Earle stressed that it is not the fault of the Oconee County Council as insinuated in an article in the Greenville News if the Duke Power rates increase.

Mr. Crain asked Council to think about whether they would like Dr. Crosby of SHARE to come and speak to them concerning Oconee County becoming a member of SHARE.

Adjourn 8:05 P.M.


Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council